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**Title : BASE FOR A RIM OF A WHEEL AND
A RIM HAVING SUCH A BASE**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for his or her consideration during the examination of the instant application.

The following documents were cited in a search report in French application No. 02.14910, upon which the instant application is based. A copy of the search report and a copy of an annex thereto, indicating "family member" documents, are attached.

For compliance with the "concise explanation" requirement set forth in 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), consistent with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office policy, Applicants describe below any comments relating to pertinent portions of the respective documents, where such comments appear in the search report.

U.S. Patent No. 3,965,957 (NAKASAKI), issued on June 29, 1976, is cited in the search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (*i.e.*, a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claim 1 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The claims and the figures of US '957 are identified in the search report as being pertinent.

U.S. Patent No. 3,999,587 (MITCHELL), issued on December 28, 1976, is cited in the search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (*i.e.*, a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claim 10 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The claims and the figures of US '587 are identified in the search report as being pertinent.

British Patent Publication No. GB 2 068 853 (MINILITE LTD.), published on August 19, 1981, is cited in the search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (*i.e.*, a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claim 1 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The abstract and the figures of GB '853 are identified in the search report as being pertinent.

British Patent Publication No. GB 2 044 189 (DUNLOP LTD.), published on October 15, 1980, is cited in the search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (*i.e.*, a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claim 1 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The abstract and the figures of GB '189 are identified in the search report as being pertinent.

U.S. Patent No. 4,108,232 (SIMPSON), issued on August 22, 1978, is cited in the search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (*i.e.*, a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claim 1 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The abstract and the figures of US '232 are identified in the search report as being pertinent.

German Patent Publication No. DE 37 15 669 A (SUMITOMO RUBBER IND., LTD.), published on January 28, 1988, is cited in the search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (*i.e.*, a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claim 1 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The abstract and the figures of DE '669 are identified in the search report as being pertinent. In addition, DE '669 is cited in paragraph 0008 of the specification of Applicants' instant application.

German Patent Publication No. DE 201 08 416 U (CHUANG), published on October 31, 2001, is cited in the search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (*i.e.*, a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claim 1 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The abstract and the figures of DE '416 are identified in the search report as being pertinent. In addition, DE '416 is cited in paragraph 0008 of the specification of Applicants' instant application.

In addition to the documents cited above from the search report of Applicants' priority application, the following documents are brought to the Examiner's attention as being pertinent for reasons cited in the specification of the instant application:

U.S. Patent No. 6,257,676 (LACOMBE et al.), issued on July 10, 2001, cited in paragraphs 0006, 0012, 0044, and 0056 of the specification of the instant application;

European Patent No. 0 893 280 (MAVIC S.A.), published on January 27, 1999, cited in paragraphs 0006 and 0012 of the specification of the instant application and which is identified as a family member of US '676;

French Patent Publication No. 2 766 419 (MAVIC S.A.), published on January 29, 1999, cited in paragraph 0044 of the specification of the instant application and which is identified as a family member of US '676;

U.S. Patent No. 5,538,058 (ALOY), issued on July 23, 1996, cited in paragraph 0008 of the specification of the instant application;

European Patent No. 0 615 865 (ALOY), published on September 21, 1994, cited in paragraphs 0008 of the specification of the instant application and which is identified as a family member of US '058;

French Patent Publication No. 2 744 953 (HUTCHINSON S.A.), published on August 22, 1997, cited in paragraphs 0008 of the specification of the instant application; and

French Patent Publication No. 2 787 064 (MAVIC S.A.), published on June 16, 2000, cited in paragraphs 0052 of the specification of the instant application.

Lastly, the following two patents are brought to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent No. 6,402,256 (MERCAT), issued on June 11, 2002; and

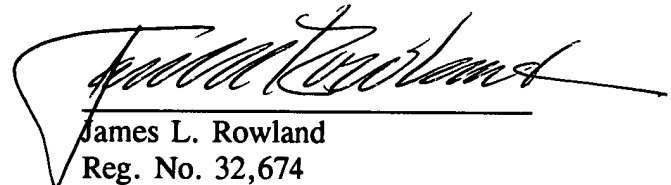
U.S. Patent No. 6,443,533 (LACOMBE et al.), issued on September 3, 2002.

A copy of each of the above-mentioned documents is attached for the Examiner's convenience. Further, each is listed on the attached PTO-1449 form to permit the Examiner to indicate his or her consideration thereof.

The Examiner is requested to consider the documents cited above and to confirm such consideration by appropriately initialling the listings on the PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of the initialled form to Applicants.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone or fax number given below.

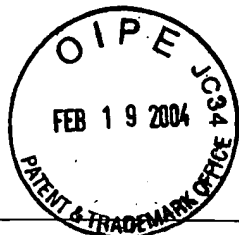
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	2 7 4 4 9 5 3	8-1997	FRANCE	-----	-----	ABSTRACT
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	2 0 4 4 1 8 9	10-1980	UNITED KINGDOM	-----	-----	ENGLISH
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	3 7 1 5 6 6 9	1-1988	FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY	-----	-----	ABSTRACT
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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